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Mr. Timothy Cwiek
1725 Fernon Street
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Dear Mr. Cwiek:

Your letter of July 3 to the FBI's Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Section, Records Management Division, has been referred to my office. Although our FOIPA personnel cannot answer specific questions about the information they process, my office can respond to some inquiries about our work in more detail.

The FBI report dated November 25, 1963, describes an examination of an application for Post Office Box 2915 by Lee Harvey Oswald. The report also states that the name "A. Hidell" does not appear on the application. The application the FBI examined was a card. It is unclear whether our laboratory personnel knew that a portion of the application, which would have contained the names of persons other than Oswald entitled to receive mail, was missing or that it had been routinely detached and destroyed. Accordingly, any interpretation of our report should be limited to our work regarding the application card. As you are aware, the other portion of the application was destroyed after the box was closed in May, 1963; our report is not referring to that portion.

I hope that I have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker

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